for it, I could close it, and carry It under my arm.

I cannot say that after this, for five years, any extraordinary thing happened to me, but I lived on In the same course, in the same place? just as before. The chief things I was employed in, besides my yearly labour of planting my barley and rice, and curing my raisins, I say, besides this yearly labour and my daily labour of going out with my gun, I had one labour, to make me a canoe, which at last I finished ; so that by digging a canal to It of six feet wide and four feet deep, 1 brought it to the water. As for the first5 which was so vastly big, I was obliged to let It He where It was, as a memorandum to teach one to be wiser next time.

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However, though my little boat was finished. It was too small for the purpose which I had In mind when I made the first,, I mean of venturing over to the mainland, at least forty miles distant. Accordingly I

thought no more of that design, but I resolved to make a tour round the Island.
For this purpose I fitted up a little mast to